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SUBJ: LATIN AMERICAN TEACHING FELLOWSHIPS (LATF)

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1. LATF JERRY HORTON ENTERED COUNTRY IN JANUARY OF 1974 WITH A TOURIST VISA WHICH LED TO A GREAT DEAL OF BUREAUCRATIC WRANGLING WITH OFFICIALS OF NATIONAL UNIVERSITY. HORTON SUBSEQUENTLY DEPARTED COUNTRY WITHOUT ADVISING EMBASSY OR UNIVERSITY. HARSH FEELINGS CAUSED BY HIS UNANNOUNCED LEAVE AND A DETERIORATING SITUATION AT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY WERE FACTORS IN OUR DECISION TO ALLOCATE THIS LATF POSITION TO CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (UCA).

2. TWO ADDITIONAL CANDIDATES WERE NOMINATED OF WHICH ONE WAS SELECTED; HOWEVER, THE POST WAS LATER INFORMED THAT THE CHOSEN CANDIDATE WAS NO LONGER AVAILABLE. ONE ADDITIONAL CANDIDATE WAS PROPOSED BY LATF, BUT HE WAS REJECTED UCA AS NOT BEING QUALIFIED.

3. ON OCTOBER 29, A MEETING WAS HELD BETWEEN THE CAO AND LATF OFFICIALS. MORE CANDIDATES WERE PROMISED IMMEDIATELY--TO DATE NONE HAS COME FORTH. SPEED IS OF THE ESSENCE AS THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE IS SCHEDULED TO BE IN COUNTRY BY FEBRUARY, 1975--ONE YEAR AFTER MR. HORTON'S FALSE START.

5. BECAUSE OF THE PROBLEMS SO FAR ENCOUNTERED, WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT FURTHER ON THE LATF PROGRAM; HOWEVER, WE STILL HAVE FAITH.

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